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SUBJECT: MARCH 11, THE 70TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. COMMERCIAL CARRIERS FLYING "STRETCH" DC-8'S INTO PHNOM PENH HALTED OPERATIONS IN MID-AFTERNOON TODAY, CITING THE LARGE NUMBER OF INCOMING ROUNDS ON THE AIRSTRIP AND TAXIMAYS. AT LEAST 22 OF 56 ROUNDS ON THE AIRFIELD TODAY WERE 105MM HOWITZER SHELLS. FANK LOST GROUND AT TUOL LEAP NORTHWEST OF THE AIRPORT OVERNIGHT. THE KC ARE ATTACKING POSITIONS SOUTH OF BATTAMBANG CITY WHERE THE GOVERNOR HAS RESTORED A MEASURE OF CALM. END SUMMARY.

2. AT LEAST 56 ROUNDS, 22 OF WHICH WERE 105MM ARTILLERY SHELLS, HIT NEAR OR ON THE AIRFIELD TODAY. THE BARRAGE PROMPTED US COMMERCIAL CARRIERS FLYING THE RICE AND POL AIRLIFT BY "STRETCH" DC -8'S TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS IN MID-AFTERNOON. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED MARCH 11; ONE C-130 TOOK MINOR SHEET METAL DAMAGE FROM SHRAPNEL ON MARCH 10. FIVE ROCKETS LANDED IN DOWNTOWN PHNOM PENH KILLING ONE PERSON AND INJURING FIVE. ANOTHER
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ROCKET HIT NORTH OF THE CITY WITH NO REPORTED CASUALTIES.

3. FIRST DIVISION ELEMENTS LOST ABOUT A KILOMETER OF GROUND AT TUOL LEAP NORTHWEST OF THE CAIRFIELD OVERNIGHT AND HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS RESUMING THEIR OFFENSIVE TO RE-TAKE THE TOWN. SEVENTH DIVISION TROOPS NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH REPORTEDLY OPENED THE ROAD TO THEIR LOGISTICS BASE MARCH 10 BUT THE KC AGAIN CUT IT THAT NIGHT.

4. THE KC HAVE ATTACKED POSITIONS 6-8 KM SOUTH OF BATTAMBANG THEREBY KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON THAT SHAKY PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. THE RETURN OF EX-GOVERNOR SEK SAM IET, WHO HAS ENERGETICALLY TACKLED BOTH MILITARY PROBLEMS AND SAGGING CIVILIAN MORALE, HAS RESTORED SOME CALM TO THE CITY.

5. A NAVAL CONVOY TOOK AMMUNITION AND RICE TO NEAK LUONG, ARRIVING EARLY MARCH 11. THE KC HIT ONE SMALL SUPPLY-CARRYING VESSEL WHICH CAUGHT FIRE AND BLEW UP.
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